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SUBJECT: CERP 0002 - PRC ROAD BUILDING IN MADAGASCAR

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1. PRESS REPORT JAN 5 ON COURTESY CALL BY PRC CHARGE CHIN
MIN SHENG ON MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS BRUNO RAKOTOMAVO CARRIED
FIRST PUBLIC INFORMATION ON CHINESE ROAD BUILDING PROJECT SINCE
LATE APRIL 1977. PER REFS, THIS PROJECT WOULD COMPLETELY
REBUILD APPROXIMATELY 250 KMS. OF THE ONLY ROAD FROM MADAGASCAR'S
PRINCIPAL PORT TAMATAVE TO THE CAPITAL ANTANANARIVO. THIS
APPEARS TO BE THE PRINCIPAL PROJECT UNDER 57 MILLION DOLLAR PRC
LOAN FIRST ANNOUNCED IN 1975.

2. PRESS REPORTS JANUARY 4 CONVERSATION BETWEEN MINISTER AND PRC
CHARGE IN WHICH FOLLOWING POINTS APPEARED: SURVEYING HAS
BEEN COMPLETED BY CHINESE: PREPARATIONS FOR ACTUAL CON-
STRUCTION ARE UNDER WAY. A GOOD NUMBER OF MACHINES, INCLUDING
BULLDOZERS AND TRUCKS, HAS ARRIVED BY SHIP FROM CHINA.
THE PRC MISSION IS COMPOSED OF OVER ONE HUNDRED PERSONS
INCLUDING ENGINEERS, AND HIGH-LEVEL TECHNICIANS. THE
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MISSION'S HEADQUARTERS IS ESTABLISHED IN TAMATAVE
AND MISSION IS DIVIDED INTO FIVE BRIGADES SPECIALIZED, NOTABLY,
IN BRIDGES, TRANSPORTATION AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE.

3. THE PRC CHARGE ASKED FOR FACILITATION OF TRANSPORTATION
FORMALITIES FOR SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT SO THAT THE WORK CAN
BE ACCELERATED. THE MINISTER ASSURED HIM OF HIS SUPPORT

AND AID FOR THE PROJECT. SMITH

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